

This process is a perfect example of that insanity.

Patients want research which will restore their health. Their voice and the voice of the clinicians must be given the necessary weight to legitimize the research agenda and the research process. Truth in science can be achieved through open debate in an independent process free from bias and conflicts of interest. The scientific process fails when one side of a debate controls the arena and sets the rules to ensure that its viewpoint prevails.

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EXPLANATION REGARDING COSPONSORING A BILL

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I wish to clarify that when I cosponsor a bill, it does not necessarily mean that I agree with every part of it. At a minimum, my cosponsorship indicates that I support moving the bill forward through the legislative process, including being marked up in committee, and if sent to the floor by the relevant committee(s), then subject to consideration and amendment on the floor.

TRIBUTE TO CORDY WILLIAMSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a rare find these days—a man who has dedicated 50 years to the

same employer. Cordy Williamson has worked for Progress Energy since 1960, and says about contemplating retirement, "I love going to work and I love Progress Energy. Why should I retire when I have all this going for me?"

Mr. Williamson first joined Progress Energy when it was known as Carolina Power & Light, working on the line crew. Sometimes, that meant digging ditches with his bare hands and a shovel. It did not seem hard for him, having grown up on a farm in Aynor, South Carolina where manual labor was a part of his everyday life.

Even though he was comfortable with the physical aspects of the job, his supervisors saw promise in Mr. Williamson's leadership abilities. He moved up the ladder, assuming positions such as lineman, meter reader, and Line and Service Supervisor. These jobs took him to Laurinburg and Lumberton, North Carolina, and Kingstree and Florence, South Carolina.

In 1987, Mr. Williamson became a distribution inspector, inspecting work performed by Progress Energy crews as well as tree trimming crews.

I believe this letter by Mrs. L.B. White written to the District Manager's office in Florence in 1973 sums up Mr. Williamson's 50 years of dedication to his work:

"... Last Saturday I went in to fix lunch—no heat, no lights, and a complete power failure. I immediately called your service department . . . and in about twenty minutes Mr. Cordy Williamson was here. It was quite a job. He was so courteous and patient with me (an old woman). I wanted you to know what a wonderful fellow he is and how fortunate you are to have such a man with your company. I tried to pay him—no pay would he accept. Such an honest, up-right man (sic). Hope everything good possible will come to him. I am a widow and live alone and he meant much to me."

Mr. Williamson is the father of two daughters, Amanda and Margaret, and two sons, Jamie and Cordy. He enjoys fishing, motorcycle riding, and flying. He served the Civil Air Patrol in South Carolina and also flew assignments for the U.S. Customs Agency. He helped to start the "MayFly" Air Show in Florence in 1986 and continues to organize the show today.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating Cordy Williamson on reaching this tremendous milestone in his employment with Progress Energy. His commitment to his work is admirable and a model for young people today to emulate. I wish him many more years of happiness on the job.

CONGRATULATING LUIGI'S DELICATESSEN ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a leading small business in our community, Luigi's Delicatessen, which is celebrating 100 years of operation in Bakersfield, California on October 3, 2010.

Originally founded in 1910 as Luigi's and Lemucchi's Grocery by Joe Lemucchi, Luigi's is one of Bakersfield's oldest family owned and operated businesses. The café and grocery store reflect the city's rich tradition and in its early days, one could always hear the constant chatter of the different languages that made up the original immigrant community. Joe's son, Louis, later inherited the family business and covered the walls with photos of local athletes that span more than seventy years. These photos have attracted multiple generations of Kern County patrons who return with friends and family to view favorite photos. The same recipes from the café, such as Emelia Lemucchi's Bolognese pasta sauce recipe that she brought from Italy, are being used by the current keepers of the legacy, Antonia Valpredo, daughters Monica and Lanette and son Gino—all of whom make up the third and fourth generations of the family.

Luigi's is more than just a restaurant in Bakersfield. It is a staple in our community and exemplifies our town's culture. A culture of pride in one's craft is embodied in the pasta and meats prepared. From the receptionist to the wait staff, the friendly atmosphere makes even first time visitors feel like regulars. Luigi's has had a long standing reputation of hospitality, dating back to the early twentieth century, when Joe Lemucchi would rent out small cottages he constructed himself to bachelor Italian immigrants who had just moved into the area. Luigi's is one of Bakersfield's iconic locations, bringing together a community of different backgrounds and perspectives to enjoy delicious cuisine.

I have been going to Luigi's my whole life. Growing up in Bakersfield, Luigi's is one of the best restaurants around. I always order a ½ & ½—it is a true taste of Bakersfield, as it is a humble combination of pasta and meat sauce with Luigi's Italian beans. My wife Judy loves Luigi's Monica's Salad. To top it off, everyone must have the Butterfinger Pie for dessert. It is an icy delight that perfectly blends candy bar, ice cream, and biscotti cookie crust to make one of my favorite desserts. Luigi's is a gathering place filled with friendly faces and great food.

Luigi's is one of the bedrocks of our small business community that measures success in its loyalty from generations of local customers. It is a family run institution in the Kern County community and I thank Luigi's for its 100 years of service to the people of Bakersfield, and wish them the very best in the next 100 years.

TRIBUTE TO JULIEN E. MARX

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of a highly respected entrepreneur and philanthropist from my district who recently passed away at the age of 68.

On August 10, Mobile lost a dear friend with the death of Mr. Julien E. Marx. Mr. Marx was the epitome of a model citizen—a veteran, a successful businessman, a civic leader, a compassionate humanitarian and lover of animals, and a devoted benefactor of higher education.

Mr. Marx was a graduate of Murphy High School and the University of Alabama, where he was business manager of the Crimson White. Upon graduation, he joined the Army, serving as a second lieutenant during the Vietnam War.

Returning to Mobile, Mr. Marx became active in developing small businesses and joint venture projects. He was best known for his ownership of local real estate and his Julien E. Marx Realtors.

While many would be content with tending to their business interests, Mr. Marx used his passion and energy to better the lives of others. He was an active booster and board member of the Boy Scouts of America, as well as MARC, which improves the lives of intellectually and physically-challenged adults in the Mobile area.

Mr. Marx endowed a number of University of South Alabama scholarships, including the promotion of art education among minority students. He was a lover of photography, having donated his family's extensive collection of Mobile historical photographs to the University of South Alabama.

Mr. Marx also used his time and resources to back many inventions, from medical research to consumer products. Ironically, he will never be known for all the good that he did because he often chose to give to others anonymously.

Madam Speaker, there simply isn't space in this tribute to fully capture Julien Marx's contributions to our community. He was uniquely American—a dreamer, a doer, a giver, a lover of life. In short, he was a community treasure.

I join so many in South Alabama in mourning Julien Marx's passing and also in extending condolences to his wife of 18 years, Linda, and extended family and friends. You are all in our prayers.

RECOGNIZING GREG MITCHELL
FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE U.S. MILITARY

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay respect to a great man in my hometown of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Greg Mitchell is a hands-on, results-oriented leader with a proven track record of achieving success. A longtime resident of Colorado Springs, Mitchell is retiring this year after serving six years as President of Colorado Technical University, CTU.

Greg, a former Naval officer, has championed our state's veterans and young people in both his professional and personal roles for nearly three decades.

As President of CTU, he played a key role in developing programs to serve soldiers, including the wounded warrior program that awards 50 scholarships annually to wounded veterans and their spouses. He once said, "If you do the right thing, it's very rewarding. We can't do enough for the military today." In 2008, the school was named one of the most military friendly institutions in the country.

Under his leadership, Colorado Technical University partnered with the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund to provide a full four-year scholarship for a son or daughter of an American military hero who has served and sacrificed for our nation's freedom. CTU pledged \$1 million in full tuition scholarships for Freedom Alliance scholarship recipients who wish to attend their University.

Prior to coming to Colorado Technical University, Mitchell worked in Colorado Springs for Plasmon LMS/Philips Laser Magnetic Storage, Media Security Incorporated, Brown Disc Manufacturing, and the NCR Corporation.

Outside of Mitchell's professional contributions to our community, he has served on numerous community boards. Some of his volunteer work includes serving on the following boards:

- Better Business Bureau
- Colorado Thirty Group
- The Home Front Cares
- Congressman Doug Lamborn's Defense Advisory Board
- Advisory Board for the Latino Chamber of Commerce
- Advisory Council on Military Education
- Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce
- Vitality Group Advisory Board

Mitchell is a devoted husband and father. He has been married for twenty years to his wife, Cindy, and is the father of three grown children, Garth, Blake, and Paige.

I thank Greg for his tremendous contribution to our community and our men and women in uniform. He is a great American patriot.

INTRODUCING THE MARINE DEBRIS ACT REAUTHORIZATION AMENDMENTS OF 2010

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, marine debris is a global problem degrading the environmental health of the world's oceans. Near my home island of Guam is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a huge area hundreds of miles wide within the North Pacific gyre. The Garbage Patch contains virtually tons of plastics and other non-degradable litter, especially discarded fishing gear, that was tossed, intentionally or unintentionally, into the ocean and now drifts indefinitely, harming both ocean wildlife, such as sea turtles and marine mammals, and impacting sensitive marine habitats, such as coral reefs.

Unfortunately, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch—while emblematic of the problem of marine debris—is no longer unique. As we learned earlier this year, a new garbage patch has emerged in the Atlantic Ocean in the region between the Island of Bermuda and the Azores Islands located in the Mid-Atlantic Ocean east of Portugal. Both areas pose a troubling, pernicious threat to not only ocean ecosystems, but also to navigational safety and coastal aesthetics.

Today, in recognition that we must continue to take purposeful action to address this challenging environmental threat, I have intro-

duced legislation to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.

My legislation is straightforward and was developed in consultation with NOAA and numerous stakeholder organizations. The bill would clarify the scope and purposes of the program, maintain existing program activities initiated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Coast Guard, and also encourage greater and more effective cooperation, both domestically and abroad. Importantly, my legislation will help ensure that the program remains focused on delivering results without additional Federal spending.

Under this program NOAA has implemented a variety of projects in collaboration with state and local governments, NGOs, and industry to prevent and reduce marine debris from entering the marine environment and providing incentives for its removal once it appears. For example, Covanta Energy, a global innovator in "energy from waste" technologies, has worked collaboratively with NOAA to pioneer the use of marine debris to generate electric power.

In addition, the Northwest Straits Commission in the North Puget Sound region of Washington State, received funding made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and coordinated through the Marine Debris Program to remove derelict fishing gear from Puget Sound, vastly cutting down on "ghost fishing" and navigational hazards that negatively impact habitat as well as the local economy.

Organizations that support my legislation, such as the Ocean Conservancy, the United Nations Environmental Program, and the Marine Conservation Biology Institute, remain hard at work to raise public awareness about this serious issue.

The 25th annual International Coastal Cleanup, first initiated in 1985 by the Center for Environmental Education, took place last Saturday. The Coastal Cleanup is the world's largest volunteer effort in support of ocean conservation; each year, the Coastal Cleanup mobilizes hundreds of thousands of people in over 100 countries to clean up our beaches, lakes, and rivers. In the past 25 years the Coastal Cleanup has engaged more than 8 million dedicated volunteers, who have removed more than 125 million pounds of trash around the world.

Last year, in Guam alone 3,006 volunteers picked up 17,776 pounds of trash along 22.5 miles of coastline. This trash included everything from 21,900 soda cans to 194 tires, and so much more debris in the form of plastic bottles, bags and nets. This effort is a great opportunity for citizens to make a hands-on difference in improving the ocean and coastal areas. I applaud the Ocean Conservancy for their efforts to coordinate this annual event for 25 years, and I urge my colleagues to do their part by supporting my legislation to reauthorize the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to reauthorize this highly successful and effective legislation that addresses one of the most serious threats to our oceans today.